Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government kindly give the approximate amount of the increased provision for the works of public utility with a view to alleviate unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I want notice.

229. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government State whether they propose to formulate a definite plan of action to combat unemployment in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*— Government are unable to formulate any definite plan of action to combat unemployment and they will be glad to consider any scheme that may be presented to them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Memmeber kindly inform the House whether a comprehensive State-planned economy has not been deemed by them as a permanent and sure method for combating unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I am unable to answer the question in the absence of a more accurate description of what exactly is meant by State-planned economy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—It is interpreted as a comprehensive State Indstrialisation. Will it be intelligible to the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It is intelligible in the sense in which we understand complete industrialisation of the State. If that is so, Government think that it is impossible at the present moment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has it been possible by any Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It might have been or it might not have been.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there any harm in following suit?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Is it either in following or in not following?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur.)*—In copying them.

230. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state—

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(a) whether they have made any attempt to collect statistics with regard to unemployment prevailing in the State;

(b) if not, why?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a) No.

(b) No agency exists in the State to collect statistics of the kind and even if there is, statistics on the matter can only be of approximate accuracy, as the number of unemployed will always be fluctuating.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Am I to take it, Sir, that it is the intention of the Government that no useful purpose will be served by having an agency for collecting statistics of unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Government would say that, judging from the experience of other countries, even if statistics are collected, there is always the almost certain result that the statistics can never be very reliable. I referred in connection with the resolution regarding unemployment the other day, to the observation made by one of the leading authors. For instance the result of collecting statistics in France showed a certain figure and the author says that it must be at least 4 or 5 times as much. The experience of other countries is that statistics gathered will only be of uncertain accuracy especially in this State where the labourers do not form into well-defined groups.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—How can the Government come to the conclusion that the statistics here will be quite unreliable?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Because of the experience of other countries. In England it is recognised that it is of uncertain accuracy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Does not this fluctuation or uncertainty hold good in the case of other statistics also? What is the special virtue regarding the unemployment statistics?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Uncertain statistics also I am collecting through my department.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the opinion of Government that the statistics collected are always uncertain in all cases?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—To a certain extent.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—If that is the position, it is really sad.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Statistics are very alluring and particularly so in the case of unemployment where the labourers have not joined themselves into district units and combinations.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will not the collection of statistics at least enable the Government to remind them of the magnitude of unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Government are aware even without that, of the magnitude of the problem.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the Hon'ble Member's version that the Cochin Gevernment's statistics are of no avail?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It is not.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Katuur).*—Will you consider the advisability of having an agency for the collection of statistics with regard to this unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—No assurance can be given.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know why?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Initially it will be very difficult to gather statistics. It requires an agency which means financial commitments. There are any amount of things to be taken into consideration for the purpose of gathering statistics with respect to unemployment.

Rock blasting—Government quarry—Nemmara.

231. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they are aware that the Chittur Tahsildar has issued a circular to the effect that no one is allowed to blast rock, for private use, from the Government quarry near the Nemmara T. B;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the said circular was issued with the permission of the Government;

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